

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WORLD LEADERS ADDRESS THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Leaders from 197 countries met in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, the 1992 Earth Summit. This landmark event led to the adoption of Agenda 21, a comprehensive plan of action for sustainable development. The summit also produced the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development, which outlines 26 principles for sustainable development. The summit was a turning point in global environmental governance, leading to the establishment of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as the lead agency for global environmental issues. The summit also resulted in the signing of the Framework Convention on Climate Change (FCCC), which later became the basis for the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.

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